



Old Faithful Inn Turns 100

Commemorative Events

In June 1904, the Old Faithful Inn opened its doors to the public for the first time. In the ensuing 100 years, this National Historic Landmark, with its exceptional architectural and historical significance, has played host to millions of visitors. The National Park Service and Xanterra Parks & Resorts invite you to join us as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Old Faithful Inn on May 7, 2004, and enjoy other events surrounding this historic occasion. All listed events are open to the public.

Friday through Sunday, May 7–9, 2004

Grand Opening Celebration

On Friday, May 7, 2004, please join us at 11 AM in the lobby of the Old Faithful Inn for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the operation of the Inn. Following the opening ceremony, stay and enjoy cake and special programs provided by Xanterra Parks & Resorts, the authorized park concessioner for the Old Faithful Inn.

Xanterra Heritage Days

Programs

- *Magic Trains, Magic Landscapes: Western Railroads and the National Parks and America's Best Idea: The National Parks and Conservation*—Dr. Alfred Runte, author
- *Yellowstone Then, Yellowstone Now*—Leslie Quinn, interpretive specialist for Xanterra Parks & Resorts
- *Old Faithful Inn and Beyond, the Life and Architecture of R.C. Reamer*—Ruth Quinn, interpretive historian for Xanterra Parks & Resorts
- *Old Faithful Inn—Crown Jewel of National Park Lodges*—Karen Reinhart, author
- *Gilbert Stanley Underwood and Park Architecture*—Paul Shea, Collections and Programs Director of the Yellowstone Historic Center in West Yellowstone, MT
- “A Captive to the Interests of Art”: Alexander Phimister Proctor and Yellowstone Pete—Dr. Sarah Boehme, Curator, Whitney Gallery of Western Art at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, WY
- *Bicycles, Railroads, and the Yellowstone Trail*—Brian Sparks, Executive Director, Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County, Livingston, MT
- *A Stagecoach Tour Through Yellowstone: “All Them Fool Tenderfoot Questions!”* Lee Whittlesey, Yellowstone National Park historian
- Special Tours of the Inn by Xanterra Parks & Resorts
- Concert by the Montana Mandolin Society
- “Old Yellow Bus Tours” by Xanterra Parks & Resorts

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Xanterra Heritage Days: Exhibits

Antique Stereo Photography of the Old Faithful Inn, Bob Berry, Cody, WY

Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY

Historic Postcards, Mike Francis

Historic Preservation Demonstration, Xanterra Parks & Resorts

National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY

“Old Yellow Bus” exhibit, Yellowstone Historic Center

“The Tools that Forged the Inn,” George Ainslie, Prairie Elk Forge, Lavina, MT

Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County, Livingston, MT

Yellowstone Stagecoach Replica, Xanterra Parks & Resorts

Tuesday, June 1

United States Postal Pictorial Cancellation Stamp

June 1, 1904, was the actual day when construction was completed on the Old Faithful Inn. Plan to join Old Faithful Post Office and National Park Service staff in the lobby of the Old Faithful Inn from 1 PM to 4 PM for a pictorial stamp cancellation. Postcards and other appropriate cancellation items will be available for sale in the Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop.

Saturday and Sunday, June 19–20

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Throughout the weekend, special programs and activities will be available in the vicinity of the Old Faithful Inn. Check at the Old Faithful Inn Activities Desk for current information.

Saturday and Sunday, August 28–29

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Throughout the 2004 Season

Interpretive Programs

- Explore Old Faithful’s astounding geothermal resources with a National Park Service interpretive ranger. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Center for scheduled programs and times.
- Explore the Old Faithful Inn with a costumed tour guide from Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Check at the Old Faithful Inn Activities desk for times and location.